

REMARKS

Applicants note that all of the claims of the above-identified application had been allowed, but that a Request for Continued Examination is being filed herewith in order to permit two minor changes to the claims to be made pursuant to the foregoing Preliminary Amendment. Specifically, the term --silicon carbide-- has been added to the lists of substances as presented in Claim 25 and 29. This change in the claims is supported in Applicants' Specification at the paragraph bridging Pages 44 and 45 thereof. At this portion of the Specification the movable member is defined as being formed by SiC; that is, silicon carbide. For this reason, independent Claim 25 and dependent Claim 29 have been revised as described above.

The claims in this Preliminary Amendment have been presented in the form in which they were allowed, wherefore it is requested that the interim filed Rule 312 Amendment, which has not yet been acted on, should be ignored in view of the contemporaneously filed Request for Continued Examination.

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